



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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We acknowledge and respect the Traditional Owners of this place, the Jarowair and Giabal peoples.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT [Year C]

Sunday 27 March, 2022

First Reading: Joshua 5:9-12 The people of God went to the promised land and there kept the passover.

Responsorial Psalm: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 God reconciled us to himself through Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: *Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I will rise and go to my Father and tell him; Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 Your brother here was dead and has come to life.

Lent and Easter in the Coptic Church

Lent is a pivotal part of the Christian calendar, and for the Coptic church this is no different. The total population in Egypt is approximately 105 million with 15 million of the population being Christian, thus equating to a huge number of celebrations each year. The Coptic church usually prepares for this Holy time by fasting from food that may come from an animal, essentially becoming vegan for 55 days. During lent they often find that the hymns and prayers that they practise during the holy mass encourage them to be repentant and continue fasting whole heartedly.

They begin Holy week {Passion Week} with Palm Sunday, which is celebrated within a 4-hour mass. Upon arrival to this mass, they are presented with palm leaves which they tend to use to make crosses and various other symbols from the leaves to commemorate this very special day. Following the mass, the funeral prayers for the week are prayed. This is since the funeral prayers are not conducted at any point throughout holy week, so the funeral prayers that are prayed on Palm Sunday are the final funeral prayers until the resurrection. The reason for this is to focus on Christ and his death and die towards the world itself in terms of its pleasures and temptations. Throughout the holy week until holy Thursday they pray the Pascha.

This event is usually prayed three times a day and is filled with special prayers, chants, and readings, focusing on the psalms and the journey Christ took during his passion week. Good Friday is a very important day throughout the Holy week, the service usually starts in the morning at around 8am and concludes in the evening at 6pm. During this time, they are required to fast from any food and drink so that they place their whole heart and focus onto Christ's tribulations and His crucifixion. They often find that this day is the busiest day in all the Holy week. After the Good Friday service, they gather and share a meal before they meet again at church for the Night of the Apocalypse which will begin at around 11pm on the Friday night until 6am or 7am the next morning. This service is where they read the book of revelation which allows them to contemplate our time here on earth. On the Saturday they begin to prepare our soul and body for the Feast of the Resurrection where they attend mass that night usually around 7pm until just after midnight. The resurrection is commemorated by the priest with jubilant explosions within the altar indicating that the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ has finally risen! After the mass the congregation will gather and share meals in celebration of feast and a long 55 days of fasting and prayer.

Easter Sunday is usually spent at the church as well, where the Sunday school services often organise fun activities for the children, and everyone will gather in fellowship. Also, Easter is the day for the families to gather in one house for celebration. Easter Monday which is commonly celebrated with a special salty preserved fish delicacy and coloured boiled eggs, they all celebrate together which concludes the Lenten period.

Thank you to Sam and Mary Tanous for this reflection.



✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Sean McGuinness, John Willis, Patricia Saide (Maitland), Leo Cosgrove [Dalby], Denise Kennedy (Leahy). May perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace.
 ✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Fr. Leslie Schuhkraft [1992], Fr. John Michael [1968], Fr. Lex Herzig [2004]
 ✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially:** Perlita Torrecampo, Rodolfo Umipig, Bev Smith (Boodle), Fr Raymond Sweeney, Addison McEwan, Daniel Ligon, Rohitha Jayamanna, Ray Frelek, Patsy Quinn, Brian Machin, Madeline Gray, Loan

Smith, Maria Brown, Christine [Faus] Barron, Greta Berge, Matt Vlietstra, Dr Peter Reiter, Elijah Rolls, Hayden Smith, Margaret Walker, Rita Blacker, Kristina Dawidowicz, Nora Machin, Mary Allen, Tina Hobson, Bev Boundy, Joanne Essey [Sydney], Braxton Rayner, Kate Gibbs, Max Shearer, Saturnino Bustamante, Hannah Marie Marasigan, Stephanie Shine, Andrew Supple, Mary-Ann Hine, Kathy Allan, John Morgan, Patricia McCracken, Reggie James, Teresita Pamulaklakin and those suffering with the long term effects of COVID.

RECONCILIATION – 1st Rite available every Saturday morning between 8am and 9am.

SERVICE TIMES OVER LENT AND EASTER: You will find the times of services during Lent and Easter on the tables provided. Thanks. Please take one and put in on your fridge TODAY!

PARKING: PLEASE MAKE USE OF THE TMBA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE CARPARKING VIA LAWRENCE STREET – THERE IS AT LEAST 100 PARKS AVAILABLE THERE ON THE WEEKEND AND MORNING MASSES!

Rosary Bead making group will meet Mondays in the Parish Centre, commencing 21 March at 10am. Please contact Theresa on 0434 528 904 if you would like more information.

Safeguarding Audit Completed: On the welcoming table you will find the summary of the Diocesan Audit that is now completed for the Toowoomba Diocese. 6 parishes and some Diocesan Agencies were audited and there will be another round in four year's time. Please take a copy of the report. There are a number of recommendations for further work, but overall the Auditor was pleased with the Diocese's addressing of the need for a change in culture around Child Safety.

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During the lockdowns etc. during the pandemic we may have felt it was a journey of disconnect. Each of us probably have a personal story to share of being apart from family and friends in Australia and overseas. Pope Francis has as a central part of his papal message the need to "remember" what it means to be a Synodal church. In other words a church that understands that we journey together with shared experiences, common visions, and a desire to listen to the Spirit calling us forward, together. We are encouraged to **ENCOUNTER – LISTEN – DISCERN**. St Patrick's would like to invite you to be part of this journey with us on the local level. The first step is for us to ENCOUNTER AND LISTEN to **YOU**. After Easter we would like to ask you 3 questions that depths your experience at St Patrick's and enables the council to listen to you and to form a vision for the future based on what you would like to tell us. *We are ready to listen*. After Easter we will be asking you those three questions or you will be given them to consider and write a reply to us. During this Lenten stage we are asking for your email address, so we can send you the questions after Easter. The whole community needs **you** to take the time to prayerfully consider the questions when they are available after Easter. At the doors you will find folders for you to list your email address or you can send a email to life@stpats.org.au

Sunday 27 Mar	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am Live Streaming SPC	12pm Oliver Di Cioccio 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 28 Mar	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	5.30pm Mass for peace in Ukraine
Tuesday 29 Mar	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	6.30am Rosary SPC 5.30 – 7pm Choir Practice
Wednesday 30 Mar	7am Mass SPC	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 31 Mar	7am Mass SPC	7.30am – 8.30am Adoration
Friday 1 April	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 2 April	7am Mass at SPC 6pm Mass at SPC	Reconciliation 8.00am – 9.00am
Sunday 3 April	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am Live Streaming SPC	11am Baptism of Max Porter 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

Thank you for your generous giving to assist the works of St. Patrick's.

Planned Giving: \$887 Loose: \$665 PayPoint: \$550. Jabour Hanna, Craig or Amanda Hogan.

Planned Giving Options: Envelopes available from parish office. For direct debit/credit card please contact Celia at the Parish Office on 4637 1500. You may simply like to do a bank transfer: St Patrick's Cathedral, BSB 064-786, Account Number 100014072, reference envelope number. Thank you